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Mr. Frazer Lockhart  
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Dear Mr. Lockhart:

This letter is forwarded with regard to reported delays in starting field work for OU4, OU5, OU6, OU9 and OU2 bedrock. As you are aware, EPA and CDH have already approved RFI/RI workplans for these OUs. Although there are presently no milestones in the IAG for starting field investigations, these workplans were approved and include implementation schedules in Section 6.0 of each workplan. Upon approval, these workplans become enforceable through the IAG. To date DOE has reportedly not commenced the scheduled field investigations, nor presented an explanation for these delays. Implementation of workplans not in accordance with approved workplan schedules may constitute violations of the IAG.

In addition, EPA and CDH are extremely concerned that these delays may impact subsequent activities for which the IAG establishes specific milestones, and urge DOE to begin field investigations as soon as possible. Failure to meet future IAG commitments due to these delays, may cause us to assess our enforcement options.

In order that we may evaluate the potential impact of ongoing delays, we request that you present schedules detailing the implementation of field investigations for the affected OUs and be prepared to explain how DOE intends to mitigate the delays to ensure meeting future IAG milestones. Please be prepared to present and discuss this information during the July 7, 1992, monthly meeting so that we can begin to evaluate the implication of these delays.

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